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**MAIL STOP PATENT APPLICATION**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Re: Application of Juergen BIEBER  
METHOD AND ASSEMBLY FOR OPERATING AND/OR OBSERVING A  
DEVICE THAT MONITORS AN INDUSTRIAL CONTROLLER  
Assignee: SIEMENS AKTIENGESELLSCHAFT  
Our Ref. Q76578

Dear Sir:

Attached hereto is the application identified above comprising twenty-eight (28) sheets of the specification, including the claims and abstract, and two (2) sheets of drawings. **Copies of an executed Declaration and Power of Attorney and Assignment will be submitted at a later date, along with an Information Disclosure.**

The present application is being filed as a Continuation Application, under 35 U.S.C. § 111 (a) and 37 C.F.R. § 1.53, of International Application PCT/EP02/02811, filed March 13, 2002, in accordance with the procedures outlined in Sections 1895 et seq. of the Manual of Patent Examining Procedure. To facilitate the Examiner's review, Applicants are submitting herewith a copy of the Cover Page of the published International Application.

The Government filing fee is calculated as follows:

Total claims	<u>49</u>	-	<u>20</u>	=	<u>29</u>	x	\$18.00	=	<u>\$522.00</u>
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Base Fee									<u>\$750.00</u>
<b>TOTAL FEE</b>									<u><b>\$1272.00</b></u>

A check for the statutory filing fee of \$750.00 is attached. The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge the excess claim fee of \$522.00 to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. The USPTO is also directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account. A duplicate copy of this transmittal letter is attached.



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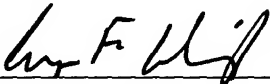
Priority is claimed from:

<u>Country</u>	<u>Application No</u>	<u>Filing Date</u>
Germany	101 19 990.2	April 23, 2001
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USA	09/812,205	March 19, 2001

Certified copies of the two foreign priority documents are enclosed herewith.

**Since the due date for filing a continuation of the PCT Application fell on Friday, September 19, 2003 and the U.S.P.T.O was closed Thursday and Friday due to inclement weather conditions, the filing of this application on Monday, September 22, 2003, is sufficient to obtain the benefit of priority.**

Respectfully submitted,  
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